

OSURA Board Meeting Minutes corrected (5/1/25)

Friday, April 4, 2025

Meeting Place: Zoom

Present: Kevin Ahern, Tony Amandi, Gary Beach, Mary Burke, Mike Burke, Carroll DeKock, Jaga Giebultowicz, Rose Kenneke, Larry Pribyl, Indira Rajagopal, Bruce Sorte, Joanne Sorte, Teri Trujillo, and Liz Webb

Absent: Harrison Branch

Called to order at 10:00 am by President Mary Burke.

1. Review and Approval of Board Minutes of Friday, March 7, 2025

A motion to approve the corrected minutes was made by Carroll DeKock, seconded by Tony Amandi. The motion was unanimously approved.

2. Budget and Finance – Bruce Sorte

Bruce Sorte did not have good audio on Zoom, so Mary Burke gave a very brief report. The available balance of the General Operating Fund was about the same as last month or about \$16,768.03. The Scholarship Contributions Fund was \$18,632.22 last month and of this \$3,100 remains to be paid out to last year's scholarship winners for Spring term. This leaves about \$15,532 in the Scholarship Contributions Fund and adding the Endowment Fund earnings of \$3,800 gives an available balance of \$19,332. Adding this to the General Operating Fund makes an Available Balance of about \$36,100.

3. Brief Committee Reports

a. Scholarship Committee – Kevin Ahern

Kevin Ahern reported there were 21 applicants and that 8 of these were fully qualified. Seven of these looked excellent and one is in a maybe category. There were 18 fully qualified applicants last year. Kevin thought we could work with the present scholarship description and requirements and attract a larger applicant pool in the future. Indira Rajagopal moved that 7 scholarships be awarded at the \$4,000 level and one at the \$2,000 level for a total of \$30,000. Gary Beach seconded the motion which was approved unanimously.

b. Program Committee – Larry Pribyl, Tony Amandi and Gary Beach

Tony Amandi indicated 26 people attended the Curt Melcher presentation on Monday, March 17th which he thought was a good program. The facilities at the LaSells Stewart Center in the Ag Science Room worked out well and parking also seemed to work well.

Larry Pribyl indicated on Wednesday, April 9th between 1:30 and 3:30 pm there will be a program on the **Future of OSU Athletics** by Scott Barnes, Vice President and Athletic Director, and Aaron Escobar, Senior Associate Athletic Director and Vice President of Athletic Development. The talk will also be at The LaSells Stewart Center, 875 SW 26th St, Corvallis. So far 38 people have signed up for the program.

Larry indicated that a Cordley Hall tour, particularly the Arthropod Collection, is planned probably sometime after final exams. The contact person is Chris Marshall in Integrative Biology.

Gary Beach indicated that on May 29th, **David Bernell** will give a talk titled “Does This Hurt? An Assessment of Trump’s First 100 Days” It will be between 1:30 and 3:30 pm at the Corvallis Community Center. They will use the larger Hybrid/Oak Room for this joint OSURA/ALL program.

Gary indicated that he has contacted Jane Lubchenco, Integrative Biology Professor and former Administrator of NOAA and she might be willing to give a presentation in September or October.

Larry has contacted Joe Nibler, formerly of the Chemistry Department to see if he is willing to serve on the program committee.

c. Newsletter and Website -- Liz Webb

Liz Webb indicated that the Winter edition of OSURA News and Views is out and that she is starting on the Spring edition with a target date after finals week. Kevin Ahern is working on a scholarship article. There were several compliments on the Winter edition.

d. Member Services Committee -- Jaga Giebultowicz

Jaga Giebultowicz indicated a survey document has been distributed and Teri Trujillo indicated there have been 102 responses so far.

The Doug Kessler presentation will be scheduled sometime in June. As is indicated above, Jane Lubchenco has been contacted for a presentation in September or October.

e. Travel Share – Rose Kenneke

On April 14th, a program on reciprocal home stays between Mexico and Japan will be presented by Russ and Marla Karow. So far 19 have registered for the travel share.

Another program is in planning on traveling in UK and interactions with people there.

f. Recruitment and Welcoming Committee – Mary Burke

Nothing new.

5. Staff Report – Teri Trujillo

Teri Trujillo reported on the above program attendance and survey responses.

6. Old Business

- The Annual OSURA Meeting with President Jayathi Murthy is scheduled for Friday, May 23rd at 2:00 pm in the OSU Foundation Board Room. President Murthy will speak followed by scholarship presentations and then by the OSURA Business Meeting.
- **Nomination for new board members:** Mary Burke indicated that Leslie Burns and Bill Boggess have agreed to serve on the OSURA Board. Carolyn Aldwin was contacted earlier this week but there has not been a response yet. Harrison Branch would like to continue. Carroll DeKock will be leaving the board next year.

For reference the bylaws say: Section 5. Election of Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected by members in attendance at the Annual Meeting from a ballot submitted by the Nomination Committee. Election shall be by plurality of votes cast. New Board members shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting.

- **Nomination of OSURA officers for next year:** Carroll DeKock, Past President with the President Mary Burke and the President Elect Gary Beach compose the Nominations Committee and make the following recommendation:

OSURA Slate of Officer 2025-26

President	Gary Beach
President-elect	Larry Pribyl
Secretary	Mike Burke
Treasurer	Bruce Sorte
Past President	Mary Burke

Kevin Ahern moved, and Gary Beach seconded a motion to accept the nomination committee report. The motion carried unanimously.

Again, the bylaws say: Section 2. Election of Officers. All officers shall be elected by the Board from among its members. All officers shall be elected for a one-year term; the treasurer and secretary may be reelected. The President-elect is expected to be a candidate for President in the following year. All officers shall be elected at the April Board meeting from the slate proposed by the Nominations Committee and shall assume their duties at the conclusion of the Annual Meeting in May.

- The Past Presidents Lunch was on March 12th and was well attended. Gary Beach was not invited; he should have been invited.

7. New Business

The board meeting room of the Benton Community Foundation is available for the next OSURA Board Meeting. It is located in the Benton Community Foundation Building at 340 NW 5th Street. Parking is available in their lot accessed off Van Buren Avenue. Jaga Giebultowicz is also exploring use of the conference room in the old Siga Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am.

The next regular OSURA Board Meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 2025, at 10:00 am in the Benton Community Foundation, 340 NW 5th Street, Corvallis. Parking is available.

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Burke